

LETTER FROM THE FAIRMONT STATE FOUNDATION

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## Making a Marked Difference

Each year thousands of Fairmont State University alumni, parents, and friends express their loyalty to the University through their annual donations. These gifts, regardless of size, are greatly appreciated. Being a continuous donor or a new donor matters to us; what is most important is that both represent a real commitment to Fairmont State University.

Investing in FSU through annual gifts allows you to make a marked difference in the lives of today's students. Annual gifts help us support our students and faculty, the heart of the University's purpose. By establishing a personal tradition of annual giving, you help the University continue to maintain excellence, innovate, and preserve our strength as a regional institution.

Help students continue their journey of success through your dedicated support as our friends and neighbors in business, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Together, we can keep our promise to every student at FSU – your goal, our mission.

Gifts of any size may be made online to the Fairmont Fund and, because your donation will be unrestricted, we can use it where it is most needed. That means your generosity will make a significant difference right now for deserving and outstanding students who attend Fairmont State.



The Fairmont Fund encourages alumni, students, parents, and friends to renew their FSU ties by making annual gifts. Their collective support enables the president to respond to immediate needs, unexpected opportunities, and fresh ideas.

#### WHAT THE FAIRMONT FUND SUPPORTS

• Scholarships and Financial Aid – A large percentage of students receive aid. Scholarships help attract the best students.

- Student Life Student programming and campus speakers.
- Technology and Academic Life Library acquisitions, classroom and laboratory renovation, and computer/lab equipment.
- Campus Beautification Maintenance and improvements to facilities and grounds.
- Institutional Development Establishing and maintaining partnerships to advance the university's mission.

## FSU Senior Class Officers Work Hand in Hand with the Fairmont State Foundation to Create a Student-Centered Giving Campaign



Students and friends of Fairmont State are encouraged to give during their senior year to this class campaign and, by doing so, they will leave their mark on the areas of campus that they love most.

This year, MVB Bank has pledged a dollar for dollar challenge match for all gifts designated to the class gift.

The campaign is directed to construct a Veterans Memorial Flag Plaza that will be located just outside of the Falcon Center, the most frequented building on campus.

Thank you for doing your part to support Fairmont State and this year's senior class gift campaign!

#### TEXT \$20.16 to 304.816.4034

# FALCONIDOD

After another successful year, the Fighting Falcons \$1,000 Club is pleased to announce its third annual campaign. Once again, we are excited to share this special invitation for you to "join the team behind the teams!" The \$1,000 Club is comprised of a group of loyal Fairmont State alumni and friends who share a common desire to provide Fighting Falcon athletic teams with the extra resources necessary to successfully compete in Division II athletics.

As a member of the \$1,000 Club, you directly help our athletic teams establish themselves among the best in the Mountain East Conference. The \$1,000 Club was created to support two vital aspects – scholar-ships and necessary expenses, such as trav-

el, post-game meals and equipment. You may choose to designate your money to the Fairmont State Athletic Association (FSAA), which funds scholarships for student-athletes, or you may choose to designate your money to a specific athletic program of your choice.

Your support is the critical piece to providing the necessary tools for our student-athletes to succeed on and off the court or playing field. By joining the \$1,000 Club, you become an important member of an elite group of people committed to the success of FSU Athletics.

For more information please contact Chad Fowler at (304) 333-3650 or Chad.fowler@ fairmontstate.edu. Thank you in advance for your support of our athletic programs.



The 1865 Heritage Society honors those special individuals who have chosen to include Fairmont State in their will or estate plan. The Society provides a strong foundation upon which Fairmont State may continue to advance its time-honored tradition of providing quality education.

Members of the Heritage Society have the foresight to understand that the future success of Fairmont State depends on the plans we make today. The goal of the Society is to acknowledge these individuals for their vision and to provide a lasting tribute in their honor. Heritage Society recognition is a life-long legacy for donors and their families. (\*) *Notates a deceased member* 

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Fairmont State University, the birthplace of the International Thespian Society, was recently named the best theatre college in West Virginia by onstageblog.com

The "Raise the Curtain" campaign has been designed to raise the funds necessary for a new fly system for the theatre. The fly system is the rigging to the sides of and above the stage, that lets a crew "fly" (raise and lower) scenery, lights, curtains and sometimes even people during performances. Wallman Hall Theatre is almost 50 years old and this update will preserve our historical heritage as well as continue state of the art theatre productions.

We encourage you to support the "95 Years and Counting - Raise the Curtain" campaign.

Please contact the Fairmont State Foundation for more information at (304) 534-8786

### WV State Science and Engineering Fair at FSU

The West Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair (WVSSEF) at Fairmont State University would like to thank the generosity of individuals and corporations that have committed to encourage student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The mission of the WVSSEF is to reward student achievement in STEM research. For over 60 years, the fair has been encouraging students to learn about STEM, to apply that knowledge, and to share their results.

Fairmont State was proud to host this excellent opportunity to promote interest and investment in STEM education in West Virginia.





The Fairmont State Foundation joined the Fairmont State Alumni <u>Association to host a 2016 MEC Tournament</u> Social in Charleston, WV.

We enjoyed this event with alumni and new friends of Fairmont State University.



We would like to thank our sponsors, Hendrickson & Long and MVB Bank, along with Celsius Lounge for providing a prime location and delicious food.







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### We're heading your way!

Fairmont State University Alumni Association and Office of Admissions invite you to



- Meet FSU alumni in your area
- Share your favorite FSU stories
- Enjoy free appetizers and get an exclusive alumni t-shirt
- And welcome FSU's newest class . . . Go Falcons!

Your experience at FSU is invaluable, and sharing that story with new students can go a long way to shape their experience.

Do you know a high school senior who is interested in FSU or a student who has already been accepted to FSU? Bring them along!

> Choose your date and RSVP online today: fsuforme.com/ontheroad OR call: Emily Swain (304) 367-4015

Wheeling, WV | April 6 TJ's Sports Garden Restaurant 5-8 pm

Winchester, VA | April 8 Piccadilly's Public House & Restaurant 5–8 pm

> Martinsburg, WV | April 9 Buffalo Wild Wings 12-3 pm

Parkersburg, WV | April 20 Buffalo Wild Wings 5-8 pm

> Beckley, WV | April 22 Buffalo Wild Wings 5-8 pm

Charleston, WV | April 23 Quaker Steak and Lube 12-3 pm

Bridgeport, WV | April 23 Bridgeport Recreation Complex Baseball Game | FSU vs Urbana 1 pm